Gujarat Government's representation for enhancing Paraffin Wax quota

2206. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a representation has been made by the Gujarat Government for increasing the allocation of Paraffin Wax to 4600 MT per annum; and

(b) if so, what decision the Central Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJAMAN BEHERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Paraffin wax is a deficit product and allocation to States depends upon the availability of the product. Presently, the availability of paraffin wax is far less than the total requirement of various States/Union Territories including Gujarat and, therefore it has not been possible to increase the allocation.

Self-sufficiency in the field of vaccines

2207. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Universal Immunization Programme is likely to achieve its target by the end of this year;

(b) whether the country today is self-sufficient in the field of measles and oral polio vaccines; and

(c) if not, what measures Government propose to take for self-sufficiency in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (c) The Universal Immunization Programme has the objective to achieve immunization coverage level of at least 85 per cent of the infants with DPT, Oral Polio Vaccine BCG and Measles Vaccine and 100 per cent in regard to pregnant women with Tatanus Toxid by 1990 and also to achieve self-sufficiency in respect of those vaccines production. So far as the coverage is concerned, by March, 1990, as reported by States/Union Territories 82-89 per cent coverage has been achieved in regard to DPT, Oral Polio and BCG while 69 per cent coverage has been achieved in regard to Measles in infants and Tatanus Toxoid for pregnant women.

The country has achieved self-sufficiency in the production of all vacancies required in the immunization Programme except Oral Polio Vaccine. Steps have been taken by the Department of Biotechnology to produce 100 million doses of Oral Polio Vaccine in the country so as to achieve self-sufficiency in the same.

Enquiry into irregularities in Punjab State Electricity Board

2208. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered a vigilance enquiry into some alleged irregularities in the Punjab State Electricity Board;

(b) if so, what are the details of the irregularities noticed by Government; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken against the persons involved?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Smuggling of Coal from Orissa coal mines

2209. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that smuggling of coal on a large scale is taking place from the Orissa coal mines; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to combat coal smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) According to information received from South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (SECL), who operate coal mines in Orissa, no instances of smuggling of coal from coal mines in Orissa have come to their notice. Some cases of pilferage/ theft were however detected and the same were reported to the law enforcement agencies in the State. As a result of these steps taken by SECL and the State Government the number of such thefts is reported to have come down.

Extension in the services of the Director of AIIMS

2210. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for granting extension to the present Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi;

(b) what was the date of her retirement; and

(c) whether Government had earlier taken a decision that no extension will be granted as a policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Dr. Sneh Bhargava, the present Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi has been granted extension for a period of 6 months w.e.f. 1-7-1990 or till such time the selection of the new Director is made, whichever is earlier due to the late convening of the Institute Body mainly on account of change of the Health Minister who is also the President of AIIMS in between.

(b) She was to retire on 30th June, 1990 (AN).

(c) Although as per the policy of the Government extension of service beyond the age of superannuation is ordinarily not considered yet extension of service can be considered in exceptional circumstances depending on the merits of the individual case.

Encroachment on land belonging to IAAI around Bombay airport runway

2211. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that land beloning to the International Airport Authority of India around the Bombay airport runway has been encroached for commercial purposes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to clear these encroachments?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Transfer of senior aerodrome officer at Mangalore Airport

2212. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) since when the present Senior Aerodrome Officer is working at Mangalore airport;

(b) what are the reasons for his continuous posting there for such a long period; and

(c) what steps are being taken to transfer him in view of Government's policy not to post any person for a long period on a certain post?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and